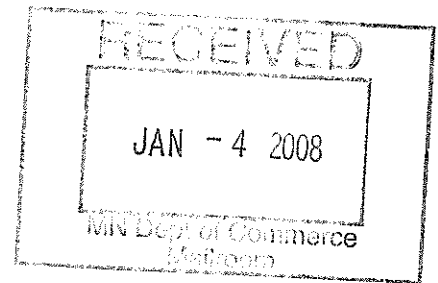


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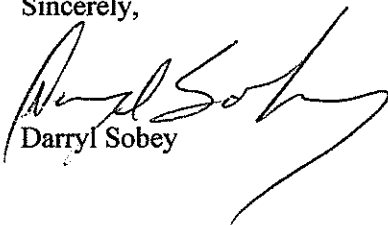
Dear Bill Storm,

My name is Darryl Sobey, and I am writing this letter to express my feelings on the Mesaba Project. I have spent the last five months studying environmental science, and I am one of the top students in my class. I have read the DEIS, and have an educated opinion on this subject. These are a few problems that I see with the Mesaba Project: Excelsior does not have a plausible design for carbon capture, the geology of the proposed area is not composed of the right material to store the CO<sub>2</sub>, and the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions that this site will produce in its life time is in the millions of tons.

I am sure you have read it, but I would like to present to you a few quotes that I have pulled from the DEIS. The first is regarding the storage of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. "Excelsior has not established a specific, detailed design for carbon capture, transport or sequestration." The second is regarding the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> that will be emitted without a sequestration method. "Emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> over the 20-year commercial life of the generating station would be approximately 214 million tons without mitigation." The third simply states, "The combined visibility impacts could potentially be significant".

The IPCC concluded that climate change is directly linked to the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere. They used data collected from over a thousand scientists from all over the world. The Mesaba Project doesn't yet have any means of CO<sub>2</sub> storage, and therefore will be emitting massive amounts of CO<sub>2</sub>. This in turn will be speeding the trend of global climate change. In conclusion, I could not live with myself knowing that I did not try to do my part in stopping climate change. I hope you feel the same way.

Sincerely,

  
Darryl Sobey